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A Dr Giseler Wirsing, fgn editor of Die Welt of Hamburg, introduced by West German Min, visited ARMA this morning. He had already talked with several Syrian ldr incl the COFS and had appointment with Pres Quwwatle. He asked very few ques and these only of gen nature but spoke freely of his impressions gained on this trip to Mld East. These appeared quite accurate. He stressed particularly Communist progress and apparent lack of understanding of real threat of Communism by even educated Arabs. He was extremely well informed and had been in contact with govt and opposition ldr in both Greece and Cyprus before arr here. He is proceeding to Cairo and asked if he could see our ARMA there. Told to contact (Col) Ashman or (Lt Col) Anderson.

Believe he probably has German fgn office backing. As he expects talk to Nasser and others his frank opinions which he will express to ARMA Cairo may be of some value. He could possibly be developed in Germany (residence Liebenonstrasse 5, Stuttgart) for add info on his trip, or past connections which appear interesting from coll point of view.

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